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For : APPARATUS FOR REMOVING BROKEN-OUT  
PIECES FROM A SHEET OF MATERIAL  
OR THE LIKE

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Dear Sir:

In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action  
mailed December 31, 2002, with three extensions requested, please  
amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

B1 The invention concerns an apparatus for removing broken-out  
pieces, in particular waste portions, from a sheet of material  
containing blanks or the like flat portions, as set forth in the  
classifying portion of the independent claim.--